

MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2024

The May 8, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Bookcliff Elementary, 255 South Solomon, Green River, UT, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Royd Hatt. Vice President Tracey Johnson, and members Kenzi Guymon, Todd Huntington, and James Winn were also present. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance. Student member, Kallee Lake, was absent.

REGULAR SESSION:

A1/A2: President Hatt welcomed all in attendance and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

B1: **Westland Construction:** Trent Huntsman, Westland Construction Supervisor, gave the status of the Emery High construction project. The critical path items are tracking millwork and painting. Substantial completion is still scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The main staircase has the precast treads, handrails, and glass finished. Auxiliary gymnasium’s tectum has been painted, basketball hoops installed, light are on, speakers installed with scoreboard. Hardwood flooring will start next week. Classrooms are starting to get the finishings with carpet and ceiling tile, and tack boards. Weight room flooring is the last space for transitioning. The target is to allow summer weights with students on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Asbestos abatement will start on the existing building on May 27<sup>th</sup> allowing demolition to begin mid-June.

B2: **Health Sex Ed Assurances:** Doug Mecham, Secondary Supervisor, presented the information required for the assurances by USBE. This presentation is required annually to present the health curriculum to the board. Elementary and Secondary health programs are using approved curriculum from the state. The Botvin lifeskills program assists the instructors with the curriculum.

B3: **Comprehensive Guidance Program:** Doug Mecham also presented the status of the counselors in the district. USBE was recently on site for a 6-year review on the secondary schools and gave high remarks for the district. High school counselors have been helping many of our students to be aware of scholarships available and helping them receive financial assistance for further education. All counselors address social / emotional issues with students individually and with group work. Mr. Mecham is very proud of all the counselors who rally together when situations arise.

B4: **Employees of the Year:** This has been postponed until employees and families can be notified. A schedule will be provided.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

C1: A motion was made from Tracey Johnson for the Consent Agenda items: a) April warrants, b) Monthly financial reports, c) Minutes for the April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> meetings and d) Names for New Hire approvals with a second by Todd Huntington. All members approved the consent agenda.

Greg Parsons	Teacher	Bookcliff
Brittany Hunsberger	Teacher	Bookcliff
Kennedy Verdi	Secretary	Cottonwood
Corben Healy	Registrar/Counseling Secretary	Emery High
Tyler Tuttle	Head Custodian	Emery High
Anya LeRoy	Asst Drill	Emery High

Novalee LeRoy	Asst Drill	Emery High
Abbie Christiansen	Asst Soccer	Emery High
Abby Hansen	Asst Volleyball	Emery High
Shelby Payne	Asst Volleyball	Emery High
Trisha Jensen	Asst Volleyball	Emery High
Greg Parsons	Volleyball	Green River High
Yessenia Hernandez	Asst Cheer	Green River High
Lowell Morris	Volleyball	Canyon View

**C2: Donation from Hornshadow Solar Project:** Liz Peyton, representing Shaw Renewable Investments, presented the district with a donation tied to the Castle Solar and Hornshadow Projects starting in Emery County in the amount of \$200,000. This project was originated in 2017. The company worked with the county to revise the original RDA agreement and wanted to partner with the community. Royd Hatt thanked Ms. Peyton for the donation and fulfilling the promise made years ago. A motion was made by Tracey Johnson to approve the donation which will be used for Robotics and possibly other STEM programs. The motion to second was made by Todd Huntington and all agreed.

**C3: Elmo Property Lease:** After receiving additional information on the current lease with Elmo City, the stated district property will need to be renegotiated with Elmo City restricting their lease to the small NW corner where the city dumpsters are located. This would enable the school board to create an agreement with Macade Jensen who is desiring to lease the property for agricultural purposes. The motion to table this item until further discussion with Elmo City is completed was made by Kenzi Guymon. The second was made by James Winn with the motion passing unanimously.

**C4: San Rafael Middle School FY24 LandTrust Amendment:** Jarett Gilbert, principal at SRMS, explained the purpose of the LandTrust changes. Because an aide designed in the original plan to help with math, science, and language arts was funded by Title IV, the school’s community council approved to pay a stipend for the literacy director to vet all reading materials, verify novels are appropriate, maintain instruction texts, organize data to drive reading curriculum, and oversee AR and Star testing. Additional funds were moved to support the literacy program by purchasing books, supplies and other materials to enhance the literacy program. The motion to approve the LT amendment as presented was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt. Motion was fully passed.

**C5: FY25 School LandTrust plans:** Doug Mecham and JR Jones were in attendance to respond to any FY25 LandTrust Plans that have been submitted to the board and approved by the schools’ community councils. Board members are usually part of their school councils. This motion to approve the FY25 LandTrust plans was made by Kenzi Guymon with a second made by James Winn. All voted aye.

**C6: FY25 School TSSA plans:** School TSSA plans have a similar process as the LandTrust plans, but are not tied to individual school goals, rather to the District’s TSSA Framework that is focused on the STEAM curriculum. The motion to approve the FY25 TSSA school plans was made by James Win. The motion to second was made by Kenzi Guymon with all members unanimously voting in support.

**REPORTS:**

**E1: The principal report:** Gaylene Erwin, principal of Bookcliff Elementary, reported the developments of this year. Bookcliff’s vision this year was to have every student reading on or above

grade level. Their mission has been to strive to make data action plans to drive instruction which required realigning the PLC and data meetings. This was a huge effort on the teachers to do something new. The school has a diverse population with 60% of students that can speak two languages but can't read two languages. The collaboration of the teachers is phenomenal. Student engagement and wellness is also a concern for the student body and counselors have been helping students to process emotions and learn how to work through them. They are learning to own their mistakes and be accountable. This year's theme has been "to bee". One of the 'bees' is to Be kind and caring. The school held a Steam Fair to allow families to see the art, music and robotic projects for the entire school including the whole community. Literacy is going to be a long-term focus knowing that growth is the goal rather than proficiency with the dual languages and lack of preschool attendance. Attendance, as with all other schools, is a huge factor that limits success.

**E2: Superintendent Report:** Ryan Maughan recognized our graduates and appreciates the opportunities they have been given with scholarships and recognitions.

**E2: Business report:** Jackie Allred reported that several coordination meetings have been held to help the transition from the existing Emery High School to the new. It is anticipated to complete the moving of equipment and supplies along with asbestos removal by mid-June.

**E3: Board Committee reports:** Royd Hatt met with leadership this week. Kenzi Guymon attended SRMS community council for the amendment. Ferron elementary is putting on an art show for the public and the counselors put on a 'careers on wheels' day. Todd Huntington attended the health ed assurances committee and CRA committee. James Winn attended the USBA board of directors meeting in St George. Highlights: Day on the hill is January 27<sup>th</sup>. June 7-8 is the Delegate meeting to align legislative priorities. JLC meetings are held on Fridays during legislative session and also planning the January conference.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (F):** Doug Mecham expressed his appreciation for the service and leadership given by Ryan Maughan to the school district and community. Mr. Maughan's purpose is "Kids are First". Mr. Mecham has learned so much by being guided by Mr. Maughan. Yvonne Jensen stated that Mr. Maughan has an ability to look forward in the best interest of kids even when there are barriers in the way. Kayce Fluckey also commented on the immense support from Mr. Maughan for the smaller schools in Green River and has been a mentor to her. Jenny Gagon also added her admiration of his willingness to try new things and guiding them through the process for what is best for kids. Administrators have known that "Ryan has had their back." Royd Hatt appreciated the leadership he has brought to the district and consider him a friend.

**CLOSED MEETING (G):** At 8:25 pm., a motion was made by Todd Huntington and seconded by James Winn to move to a closed meeting for the purpose to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Royd Hatt                   Aye
- Tracey Johnson           Aye
- McKenzi Guymon        Aye
- Todd Huntington        Aye
- James Winn                Aye

**Certification of Closed Executive Session (Utah Code 52-4-206)**

I, Royd Hatt, President of the Emery County School District Board of Education, certify and swear that the sole purpose of the above closed executive session was to review and discuss the character and professional competence of individuals. Under the code referenced above, a closed executive session discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual is exempt from recording requirements and therefore, this closed executive session was not recorded.

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Royd Hatt

The closed meeting was held in the commons area at the Bookcliff Elementary on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, beginning at 8:30 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting as well as Business Administrator Jackie Allred. The closed meeting finished at 8:30 pm. James Winn motioned to convene closed session and return to open session with a second by Royd Hatt and all approving.

**ADJOURNMENT (H):** Royd Hatt motioned and to adjourn with a second by James Winn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.